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**RESPONSE**

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**RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action dated 05/18/2005, designated as Paper No. 20050512 in the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and Remarks as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** being on page 7 of this paper.